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1. HERewith TEXT BARRIE DUNSMORE, ABC-TV EVENING NEWS,
"THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VANCE'S TRAVELS, AUGUST 25:

2. HOWARD K. SMITH (ANCHOR): SECRETARY VANCE HAS DONE
AN AWFUL LOT OF TRAVELLING SINCE ASSUMING HIS POST, AND
THERE'VE BEEN QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT HOW EFFECTIVE THAT
TRAVEL HAS BEEN. ABC DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT BARRIE
DUNSMORE HAS AN ASSESSMENT.

3. DUNSMORE: CYRUS VANCE WAS IN THE MIDEAST WITHIN
DAYS OF THE INAUGURATION. IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A GESTURE
TO ALL THE PARTIES TO SHOW THEM THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRA-
TION CONSIDERED THE AREA OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE. IN THAT
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CONTEXT THE TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL. VANCE WAS FOUND TO BE
BUSINESSLIKE, BUT THERE WERE NO EMBRACES, AND HE DID
NOT BECOME SADAT'S BROTHER CY.

4. THE NEXT BIG TRIP WAS TO MOSCOW FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON
STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. BY VANCE'S OWN ADMISSION IT

WAS A FAILURE. HOWEVER, ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS AGREE
THERE WAS NO CONCEIVABLE CHANCE THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS

WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS. IN THIS CASE VANCE
WAS MORE MESSENGER THAN NEGOTIATOR, AND THE FAILURE WAS
NOT HIS.

5. IN WASHINGTON VANCE IS ACTIVE. HE SEES THE PRESIDENT
REGULARLY. INSIDERS SAY HE TAKES FORCEFUL POSITIONS.
FOR EXAMPLE, HE DISAPPROVED OF THE EARLY TACTICS OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN--WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE BADLY
HANDLED--WITH THE RESULT THAT THE RAISING OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUE NOW HAS BECOME MUCH MORE SYSTEMATIC.

6. IN TERMS OF REAL POWER, MOST WASHINGTON OBSERVERS
FEEL THAT VANCE IS OUTSHONE BY NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISER ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, WHO SEES THE PRESIDENT
EVERY DAY, OFTEN MANY TIMES. AND IT'S NOTED THAT FOREIGN
POLICY INITIATIVES SEEM TO COME MORE FROM THE NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL THAN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

7. PART OF VANCE'S PROBLEM MAY BE ONE OF IMAGE. AMONG
THOSE CORRESPONDENTS WHO TRAVEL WITH HIM, HE IS KNOWN
AS CYRUS THE GRAY. HE IS PLEASANT ENOUGH WITH
REPORTERS, BUT HE IS VERY GUARDED, AND HE DOES NOT--AS
KISSINGER DID--ENJOY THEIR COMPANY. THUS, THERE HAS
BEEN NO BUILDING OF A VANCE CULT.

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8. HIS LAST TRIP TO THE MIDEAST WAS AGAIN LESS THAN
SUCCESSFUL. VANCE DOES NOT DOMINATE THE LEADERS WITH
THE STRENGTH OF HIS PERSONALITY AS KISSINGER OFTEN DID.
HOWEVER, THEY DO TRUST HIM MORE. THIS PAST WEEK IN
CHINA VANCE GOT TO SEE THE TOP LEADERS, AND WALL STREET
LAWYER THAT HE IS, PRESENTED THEM WITH A LAWYERS-LIKE
BRIEF OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. CHINA EXPERTS FEEL SUCH
AN APPROACH WAS PROBABLY RIGHT FOR THE PRAGMATIC NEW
CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

9. CYRUS VANCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN INNOVATOR IN
FOREIGN POLICY. HE DOES HAVE A HIGHLY ORGANIZED
APPROACH WITH A GOOD GRASP FOR DETAILS. AS A NEGOTIATOR
HE IS SOLID, THOUGH HE STAYS WITHIN THE BOUNDS SET FOR
HIM BY THE PRESIDENT AND HIS OTHER ADVISERS. IN SHORT,
VANCE LOYALLY CARRIES OUT THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES, IF
IN UNSPECTACULAR WAY. (STATE DEPARTMENT). CHRISTOPHER

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